Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I also don't move my amendment to omit the words 'in small sums as far as possible' after distributed' and before 'to cultivators of the soil, etc.'

(*Hence they were considered withdrawn.*)

Deputy President.—The amendments are not moved. The Government accepts the resolution and so it need not be put to the vote.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—One more point strikes me. The wording of the resolution "be in future distributed in small sums as far as possible to cultivators of the soil" is open to objection. You have to read that with the section itself. There, in addition to what is required in the resolution, it is said 'or with the consent of that person to any other person". In some cases the actual cultivators of the soil may not be inclined to spend and others are also entitled to this loan with the consent of the cultivators. I only wanted to bring this fact to the notice of the House.

8. Thaipooyam day to be a holiday.

Deputy President.—The next resolution stands in the name of Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I move that "*This Council recommends to the Government that Thaipooyam day in Makaram may be made a holiday for Hindus throughout the State every year.*" The resolution speaks for itself, and I do not think a speech is necessary. This is an important Hindu festival. All sections of Hindus celebrate this every year, and in fact it is growing in importance year by year. I suppose there will be no objection for having a holiday for the Hindus on that day. With these few words, I commend the resolution to the acceptance of this House.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I second it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We want to know the view of the Government.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Government is indifferent in the matter. Holidays are welcome.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—If the Government accept the resolution, it need not be put to the vote.

Deputy President.—Now it will have to be put to the vote.

(*The resolution was put to the vote of the House and agreed to, Government remaining neutral.*)

9. Land-Mortgage Bank.

Deputy President.—The next resolution is in the name of Mr. K. T. Mathew. The Member is absent.

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